New Power Projects in Madhya Pradesh

1624. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any request from the State of Madhya Pradesh for installation of nuclear and/or gas turbine plants for meeting peak demands;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) on what basis the location of nuclear power station is being decided and will the predominantly tribal and backward State like Madhya Pradesh be given any preference while deciding the location of nuclear power station in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board have submitted a project report in July, 1987 to the Central Electricity Authority for installation of a 3x100 MW gas turbine power plant in Datia district. The proposal could be techno-economically appraised after the availability of all inputs, such as gas and water, has been confirmed and necessary clearance, including from environmental, pollution control and civil aviation angles, have been obtained.

Information in respect of setting up of nuclear power station in Madhya Pradesh is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Incentives to drug manufacturers

1625. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Drugs and Pharmaceutical units are heading for a sickness in view of the hike in the cost of production including raw materials and the price fixation announced by the Government;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the drug manufacturers in this regard and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the facilities being provided by Government to the Drug units to encourage manufacture of life saving drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some representations from the drug manufacturers Associations have been received in this regard.

(c) With a view to stimulate production and creating an environment condusive to channelising new investment in the Pharmaceutical Industry, Government have already announced certain measures in December, 1986 and the new DPCO on the basis of these measures is likely to be announced shortly.

Anti-TB-drugs

1626. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the anti-TB and antileprotic drugs and their intermediates and penultimates being imported duty free under open general licence;

(b) whether Government exempted total customs duty on these-drugs to provide these medicines at cheap prices to TB and Leprotic patients;

(c) the names of the drugs out of these the requirement of which is to be registered with his Ministry before import as per Import Trade Control Policy;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is not allowing registration for the concerned drug for import in order to help some company which has reserved 95 per cent of the penultimate of that drug;

(e) whether it is also a fact that copies of invoices of drug are to be submitted along with the application for Registration;